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THE STORY
OF
THE MEMORIAL

IN HONOR OF THE FOUNDERS

OF THE

Town of Milford,

ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS AND THE CITIZENS
OF MILFORD.

Dedicated August 28th, 1889,

The Town's 250th Anniversary.



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Corrections.

There have been many stores added since this pamphlet was printed.

Page 3 Robert Treat inscription. Read "For thirty years".

P- 11 line 10 substitute Richard Ralstin married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Temperance Alsco of Alsco in the Dale. End. ~~He~~ married second William Fowler.

P-18 The wife of John Spruell Alsco- married after his death- Joseph Cook Scott 3no. 1850.

P- 17 1806. Samuel Cook was great nephew of John M.

P- 20 line 4 Read "William for John".

THE STORY OF THE MEMORIAL.

AS the commencement of the 250th Year of Milford's history drew near, the people took their first official action in recognition of its importance, at its Annual Town Meeting, in Oct., 1888, by appointing a committee to act with a committee to be appointed by the First Church, and with their joint action make proper arrangements for celebrating the event. The Town Committee thus appointed, consisted of Charles A. Tomlinson, Phineas S. Bristol, Nathan G. Pond, Wm. Cecil Durand, and Henry C. Miles, who after earnest deliberation, decided that a substantial mark should be made in honor of the Founders; that such mark should unite utility with the picturesque, and at the same time, be typical of the men and the time of settlement.

This idea could be best expressed in a Bridge of Stone over the river, upon whose banks their first habitations were placed, and near the spot where the first mill was erected.

Our nation's first President had noted in his journal the beauty of the cascade on the west side, as he journeyed from New York to Boston, in Oct., 1789. As all traces of the settlers' graves had long been obliterated, and the stones that marked them (if any) destroyed, "Memorial Blocks" were suggested to keep in remembrance those men, and to give some data concerning them.

At a special Town Meeting, the report of the committee was read, and an appropriation of \$3000 was asked to defray the cost of the bridge alone, and that request was unanimously voted. At this point of the Committee's work, Mr. H. C. Miles refused to act further, giving as his reason, an unwillingness to incur any such expense, but personally willing to bear his share of the burden, and the Committee then called to its aid, Mr. Chas. H. Trowbridge.

It was promised to the town, that all inscriptions, together with the Tower, should be private gifts, and in accordance with that promise, such contributions and a detail of the work is here given.

As the tower was a prominent feature in the work and correspondingly expensive, much doubt was felt as to the ability of the Committee to raise the required amount, at least to erect a fitting structure in honor of the two governors, who, buried in our Grave-yard, were so important in the history of the colony. The door-step of Governor Law's house had been preserved by Capt. Marcus Stow, and was in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Mary S. Beardsley (wife of Hezekiah B. Beardsley), who refused to sell, but generously gave the stone to the Committee for such use and inscription as they saw fit. It was first contemplated placing it in the arch, over the Tower door, but the arch being inadequate, with other objections, changed its setting to the east end of the Bridge, and it is preserved in its entirety. The inscription reads :

IN MEMORIAM
JONATHAN LAW.
GOVERNOUR OF THE COLONY OF
CONNECTICUT
FROM 1742 TO 1750.
THIS STONE, ONCE HIS DOORSTEP.

Six persons contributed One hundred dollars each, *Mrs. Mary A. C. Treat* (the widow of Judge Amos S. Treat, of Bridgeport, and herself a descendant of the Governor), *Robert Treat Payne*, of Boston (who descends from the signer of the Declaration of Independence, also through Governor Treat's oldest son Samuel), *Nathan A. Baldwin*, and Wm. M. Merwin, two Milford men, who are liberal in all public matters, *Wm. E. Downs*, of New Haven (but of Milford birth), and Henry A. Taylor, Esq., of New York. Dr. John S. Walker, \$70, Samuel S. White, of Philadelphia and Milford, with his family, \$100. Mrs. Martha J. Beard, Ex-Governor James E. English, Edwin P. Smith, Esq., Ex-Senator *Geo. M. Gunn*, Joseph Baldwin, Esq., of New York, fifty dollars each.

Anson Treat Downes, Charles H. Pond, Winthrop Pond, General George H. Ford, Abner L. Train, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor Samuel E. Merwin, Allston Gerry, Esq., Reginald Anthon Lawrence, Joseph E. Earle, Charles H. Trowbridge, Timothy Bristol, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., Senator George N. Morse, Wm. B. Stoddard, Esq., Albert A. Baldwin, twenty-five dollars each.

James T. Higby, *George Gunn Baldwin*, of Sioux City, Iowa, Wm. H. Law, Esq., of New Haven, Edward G. Miles, Thomas Fowler, Franklin Fowler, Frank M. Howe, *David B. Ingersol*, J. C. O'Connor, Jr., twenty dollars each.

John Harvey Treat, of Lawrence, Mass., Mrs. Mary Pond Sill, of Lyme, Ct., *Owen Treat Clark*, John G. North, fifteen dollars each.

Charles W. Beardsley, and *Wm. Cecil Durand*, twelve dollars fifty cents each.

Lyman V. Treat, of N. H., Dennis Beach, *Isaac C. Smith*, Joseph Clark, Mrs. *S. G. Champion*, of N. H., Lyman Law, Nicholas M. Pond, of Osaka, Japan, Rev. George H. Griffin, ten dollars each.

Besides many gifts of five dollars each, and from a child of two years, *Atwater Treat Cusial*, of Anoka, Minn., two dollars.

The inscription on the Treat stone is the gift of Stancliff B. Downes (son of Anson Treat Downes, of New York), a man who has much pride in his Milford ancestry, which includes Treat, Bryan and Buckingham lines.

The inscription is as follows :

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT TREAT.
FOR FORTY YEARS
GOVERNOR & DEPUTY GOV
of the Colony of
CONNECTICUT.
Obiit 1710.

The roof is in Spanish tile, made expressly for the Tower, at Akron, Ohio. A Lantern of ancient design hangs near the door and near the stone, showing the mark of Ansantuwæ, the Indian chief who signed the deed of purchase, given to Mr. William Fowler, Benjamin Fenn, Edmund Tapp, Zachariah Whitman and Alexander Bryan, on the 12th of February, 1639, O. S.

His mark was a bow and arrow. The keystone of the door arch has carved on it an ideal head of the chief, a gift of the Ansantuwæ Lodge of F. and A. M., No. 89.

NOTE.—Names in italics have Treat blood.

The door is of oak, on which hangs a door knocker of historic interest : it is from a house built by a son of Ensign George Clark, on his father's original home lot. On the porch of the house George Whitfield, in 1740, preached, and from his listeners sprung the congregation that afterward made the Plymouth Church. Majors David Baldwin and Edward Allen (men prominent in the Canadian wars), together with Garret Van Horn De Witt, occupied the house, and from its present owner, Charles W. Beardsley, member of the Legislature for Milford during its 250th year, and who married a daughter of Elnathan Baldwin, its last owner, gives the knocker.

Over the door are the figures 1639, in worked iron.

A buttress extends from the Tower towards the north, ending in a seat made from the first mill-stone used in the Colony, on which is inscribed :

MR. WILLIAM FOWLER.

Obit 1660.

THE FOUNDER OF THIS THE FIRST
MILL IN THE COLONY IN 1639,
WHEREIN HE USED THIS STONE.

Mr. Fowler held the three important positions of Trustee, Pillar of the Church and Judge.

At the combination of Milford and Guilford with New Haven, in 1643, and the establishment of the jurisdiction of "the New Haven Colony," Mr. Fowler was selected as the Chief Magistrate of Milford, which he held for several years, and was succeeded at his death by Mr. Benjamin Fenn. He was evidently a man of much practical knowledge, energetic and persevering. He early discovered the advantages and facilities furnished by the river or stream running through the town, and at once determined to secure them to the community.

Since that period nine generations of the Fowlers have successfully conducted its operations, and recently the eighth William Fowler has completed the fifth mill in succession on the precise spot, confirming the wisdom of his honored ancestor whose keen eye discerned the advantages and facilities presented, when single handed in a country scarcely a year old. He accepted the situation and at once proceeded to control the water power in its natural condition, to block out a

location, to build the dam, quarry out the millstones and obtain the iron and other necessary materials with the limited means of transportation the wilderness afforded, and all this was to be done in the midst of arduous duties thrust upon him, filling various offices, and a leading citizen in the numerous projected improvements in progress.

The stone presented to the committee by the present energetic proprietor and bearing the inscription, tradition says, has lain dormant about the premises for centuries, and which on examination by geologists and antiquarians, has been pronounced as doubtless the original millstone quarried and hewn out by Mr. Fowler and used temporarily, until a better substitute could be obtained.

It is now acknowledged to be the oldest business establishment of its kind in the country; and the present proprietor's grandson is the 10th Wm. Fowler in a direct line.

On the buttress is cut LAW, ORDER, MORALITY, LIBERTY, CHARITY, to typify the principles that buttress our institutions. The gift, a special contribution of Charles H. Trowbridge, Esq.

At the west end of the south coping is placed a stone four feet wide and five feet six inches high, with an inscription on its curved front, in remembrance of the spiritual leader of the Colonists. It reads :

IN MEMORIAM
PETER PRUDDEN.
FIRST PASTOR IN MILFORD.
Obit 1656.
THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE
WILDERNESS, PREPARE YE
THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

Giving the text of the first sermon he preached in the Colony, at New Haven, on the afternoon of the 18th of April, 1638, under a large spreading oak, which stood near the present corner of George and College streets. The stone is the gift of the Pastor's descendants—a liberal contribution coming from James W. Beardsley, Esq., of Bridgeport, who descends from the pastor's daughter Abigail, who married Joseph Walker—together with gifts from the Strongs and Ponds, descendants of Ephraim Strong, who married Mary Prudden, great grand-

daughter of Peter, and sister to Job Prudden, first pastor of Plymouth Church (Milford).

At the east end of the same coping stands a similar stone in remembrance of the temporal leader or guide, on which is inscribed :

IN MEMORIAM
CAPT. THOMAS TIBBALS.

Obit 1703.

IN CONSIDERATION OF HIS
HELPLESSNESS AT THE FIRST COM-
ING TO MILFORD TO SHOW THE
FIRST COMERS THE PLACE.
(Land Records.)

This stone is the contribution of his descendants, a liberal portion coming from Fredk. L. Tibbals. The *inscription* is the gift of the children and gr. children of Joseph Whiting Tibbals. Thomas Tibbals had been engaged in the Pequot war, and in the pursuit of the remnant of the tribe, that fled to the Fairfield swamps the year previous, had seen the river, and for his services as guide the next spring, the Colonists granted him land, and in the deed made his "usefulness" the consideration.

Between the larger blocks are placed memorial stones to ten men prominent in Milford's history, most of them holding positions of trust and honor in the church or Town offices. Starting from the east, the first is to

WILLIAM FOWLER 2ND.

Obit 1682.

MARY TAPP HIS WIFE.

He was the son of the founder of the mill, and his wife was the daughter of Edmund and Ann Tapp (18), and sister to Jane, the wife of Governor Robert Treat.

He came to Milford with his father and his brother John, who moved to Guilford in 1649. William spent much of his early life in New Haven, where he became a large land-holder, but on the death of his father in 1660, he returned to Milford, inheriting his possessions, and died there in 1682. He was the ancestor of all the Milford Fowlers. In East Haven, Fowler's Cove and Fowler's Creek derived their names from him. About two miles from New Haven and on the site of the

establishment for the manufacture of fire arms, erected by Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, Wm. Fowler 2d, built a mill in 1645, which the town bought of him when he returned to Milford in 1659, for £180. From the Colonial Records we find he was a member of the House of Deputies from 1673 to 1680, from Milford, serving on various committees, and on a secret council of war in reference to hostilities with the Dutch upon the eastern end of Long Island and the main land.

His second wife was the widow of (7). This stone is the gift of John W. Fowler, Esq., the present Town Clerk, and for many years Judge of Probate, and whose gr. grandfather and gr. gr. grandfather, both John Fowlers, were also Town Clerks, making the office for seventy years held by the same name.

No. 2. ZACHARIAH WHITMAN.
Obit 1662.
SARAH BISCOE HIS WIFE.

He was one of the Trustees in the first deed, one of the judges chosen by the settlers to act in civil affairs, and one of the seven pillars of the church.

He married in England Sarah Biscoe, who was cousin to Nathaniel Briscoe, one of the settlers.

Zachariah Whitman calls John Stream (23) in his will his cousin (meaning nephew). He also calls George Clark the same. Benjamin Fenn (5), Thomas Welsh (20), and Richard Platt (10), were his executors.

(This stone is the gift of Charles W. Farnam, Esq., of New Haven, whose mother was a Whitman.)

No. 3. ALEXANDER BRYAN.
Obit 1679.
ANNA HIS WIFE.

He was a prominent merchant in Milford, and with his son Richard stood in such high credit at Boston that his note of hand passed current as bank bills in the present day, says Lambert. He was the son of Thomas Bryan, of Aylesbury, England, and was baptised there, September 29th, 1602. His wife was Anna, only child of Robert Baldwin and Joane, his wife. From 1668 to 1673, he was assistant Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, and in Milford was one of the purchase trustees. (This stone is the gift of Mrs. Jean E. True, of Washington, D. C., who was by birth a Bryan.)

No. 4. RICHARD MILES.
 Obit 1667.
 KATHERINE HIS WIFE.

A man prominent in the affairs of both Milford and New Haven, to which place he afterward removed and where he died; was one of the judges in civil affairs, and retained his share in Milford lands, which were afterward occupied by his son Samuel, from whom all of this name in Milford descend, excepting the family of David and Mary (Carrington) Miles, who came through his son, Captain John. His widow Katherine died in Wallingford, in 1683, aged 95, where her tombstone can yet be seen. From his will, it is learned, she was a widow with children when he married her, and evidently possessed considerable means, which the children remaining in England inherited. Edward G. Miles, now Town Treasurer, gives this stone. He also descends on his mother's side from Richard Miles.

No 5. BENJAMIN FENN.
 Obit 1672.
 SARAH HIS WIFE.

Benjamin Fenn was of much prominence in Milford affairs as well as those of the Colony. He was first in Dorchester, and probably came to this country in 1630, in the ship Mary and John, at the same time with Governor Winthrop, was assistant Governor from 1665 to 1672. His estate was large both here and in England, and he left lands in Aylesbury. His wife was Sarah Baldwin, daughter of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) Baldwin, who was baptised in 1621, in Aston, Clinton, Bucks County, England, and was sister to (7) and to Mary, wife of Robert Plum (17).

An unbroken line of ten Benjamin Fenns can be traced, and the son of Benjamin the settler married the only daughter of Jasper Gunn (6). The sons of Nathan Fenn give this stone.

No. 6. JASPER GUNN.
 Obit 1670.
 SARAH HIS WIFE.

Came in the ship Defense in 1635; he was the first physician in Milford, and there is good reason to believe that he practiced some time in Hartford. His descendants have in most

every generation represented Milford in the Legislature, but as a clan have not increased rapidly. In his will he calls John Smith (29) and Joseph Peck (28) his brothers (probably brothers-in-law), and both of them witnessed the will. It is a quaint document. The sons get all the land and stock, and his daughter Mehitable (the wife of Benjamin Fenn, Jr.), is willed "one of Mr. Hooker's books and my Aynsworth Communion of Saints."

Ex-Senator George Miles Gunn gives this stone :

No. 7. RICHARD BALDWIN.
 Obit 1665.
 ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

He was the son of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) Baldwin (see coping north side under 17), baptized in Parish Ashton, Clinton, Buckinghamshire, Eng., August 25, 1622. He was prominent in many of the land purchases and divisions in Milford, was member of the General Court for the Town from May, 1662, to May, 1664, and was one of the Committee "for ye consumating of matters betwixt Connecticut and us" when the two Colonies were joined in 1664. He married in 1643, Elizabeth, the sister of Joseph Alsop, of New Haven, and she after Richard's death married as second wife John Fowler, 2nd (1). His son Sylvanus married Mildred, the daughter of Rev. Peter Prudden.

Hon. Charles Candee Baldwin, Judge of the Circuit Court of Ohio, and editor of the Baldwin Genealogy, contributes this stone, and to this gentleman the writer is indebted for most of the information concerning the Baldwins.

No. 8. DEACON GEORGE CLARKE.
 Obit 1690.
 MARY HIS WIFE.

As there were two George Clarks among the settlers of 1639, much error has grown out of it, as to the correct line of descent of the Clarks, but the writer is confident that from the Deacon descend all of that name in Milford, and those that trace to his son Samuel, who married Mary, the daughter of George the "Farmer" (18), have, of course, the blood of both Georges. There has sprung an unusually large progeny from one man, and as a rule, they have been thrifty. He probably

died without a will, but the probate records show that he left a large estate.

His three sons were prominent, especially Ensign George, and his daughter Sarah was the mother of Governor Jonathan Law, altho' Lambert says it was Farmer George's daughter.

David N. Clark, who descends from his son Thomas, gives this stone.

No. 9. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM.
Obit 1657.
HANNAH HIS WIFE.

From this man a goodly race have sprung, and the blood is widely scattered. He was one of the "pillars" of the church, and after Mr. Prudden's death in 1650, he went to Boston "to seek for them a Pastor" (says the Church record), and died while there.

His grandson, Rev. Stephen Buckingham, was member of the Corporation of Yale College from 1716 to 1732, and Hon. Wm. A. Buckingham, Governor of Connecticut for eight years and afterward U. S. Senator, descends from his youngest son, Thomas.

His daughter Hannah married Thomas Welch (20).

Frank Buckingham, a descendant of his oldest son, Daniel, gives the stone.

No. 10. DEACON RICHARD PLATT.
Obit 1684.
MARY HIS WIFE.

A large portion of Milforders descend from Deacon Richard. Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York State, is a descendant, and the town of Plattsville, N. Y., was named from this family. The office of Deacon in the First Church has been held for generations by the Platts, who as a clan have been thrifty, holding to their possessions, and are to-day large landholders in the Town. Professor Johnson T. Platt, of Yale Law School, a descendant from his son Isaac, gives this stone.

On the coping under these ten stones is cut the sentiment: "GOD SIFTED A WHOLE NATION THAT HE MIGHT SEND CHOICE GRAIN INTO THE WILDERNESS," a gift of Rev. Albert W. Lyman (of Brooklyn), formerly pastor of the First Church of Milford.

Twenty-four stones are placed on the north coping, and commencing at the tower is—

No. 11. JOHN BALDWIN.
Obit 1681.
MARY HIS WIFE.

A large number of the name in Milford descend from John, who was twice married, his second wife being Mary, sister of Obediah Bruen, who was one of the Patentees under the Charter of Connecticut. She was the daughter of John of Bruen, of Stapleford, Cheshire, England, and her pedigree can be traced to Robert Le Bruen, in 1230, and through her grandmother, Dorothy Holford, to royal blood.

The gift of Rev. Leonidas B. Baldwin and Rev. Elijah Clark Baldwin, his descendants.

No. 12. JOSEPH NORTHRUP.
Obit 1669.
MARY HIS WIFE.

This clan has mostly passed away from Milford, but the West, South, and even Canada have his descendants, and one prominent in the Church of Rome (the Bishop of South Carolina) is traced to him.

His wife was Mary Norton, daughter of Francis, and from this couple descend Hon. Joel T. Headley, the wife of Noah T. Porter, President of Yale College, and Comptroller Abijah Carrington, of Milford. The name is now often spelled Northrop.

Hon. A. Judd Northrup, of Syracuse, N. Y., editor of the Northrup Genealogy, gives this stone.

No. 13. JOHN BURWELL.
Obit 1649.
ALICE HIS WIFE.

The Burwells were large land-holders in Milford, and Burwell's Farms were called so from ownership of this family. Few of the name are left in Milford. His widow married Joseph Peck (28). His estate was appraised by Colonel Robert Treat and Alex. Bryan (3).

The Burwells, of New Haven, give this stone.

No. 14. NATHANIEL BALDWIN.
Obit 1650.
ABIGAIL HIS WIFE.

Nos. 14, 15 and 16 were brothers, sons of Richard Baldwin, of Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. Judge C. C. Baldwin, Cleveland, Ohio, says that an unusual number of his descendants have been eminent—Governor Henry Porter Baldwin, of Michigan; Henry Baldwin, Judge of the United States Supreme Court, from 1829 to 1844; Brigadier General Heber Baldwin; Henry Baldwin Hyde (President of the Equitable Life Assurance Company of New York); Simeon Baldwin Chittenden, M. C. from Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joseph Glover Baldwin, Judge Supreme Court California, descend from Nathaniel. His wife was Abigail Camp. (Probably a daughter of the first Nicholas Camp.) (22)

Two of his sons married sisters—daughters of Henry Botsford (26.)

The stone is the contribution of Robert Baldwin, Esq., of Baltimore, Md.

No. 15. JOSEPH BALDWIN.

Obit 1690.

HANNAH HIS WIFE.

Many of the prominent Baldwins of Milford are his descendants, and have had considerable influence in Milford's prosperity. Nathan A. Baldwin and Albert A. Baldwin have paid out millions to their operatives, and at this writing give employment to a large number. Joseph's house lot was next to that of Nicholas Camp (22), and some of his descendants are now living on it. His son David married Mary, daughter of Ensign John Stream (23), and those now in Milford come from this marriage.

This stone is the gift of Mrs. Lucy Baldwin Stevens, of New York.

No. 16. TIMOTHY BALDWIN.

Obit 1664.

MARY HIS WIFE.

There is none of the male lines of Timothy living, and the blood all comes in female lines by marriages to Buckinghams, Beards and Botsfords.

His son Timothy was one of the committee appointed by the Court at Hartford for the regulation of the Township of New Milford, and he married Mary, daughter of John Beard. (He came a child with his mother, "Martha," in 1639.) See

coping under (23). The gravestones of the son Timothy and his wife are in good preservation, and from them descends the giver of the stone, John C. O'Connor, Jr., of New York, who also descends from (3) Alex. Bryan.

No. 17. ROBERT PLUMB.

Obit 1655.

MARY BALDWIN HIS WIFE.

Probably all of this name in Milford come from Robert, and he was most likely son of Mr. John Plum, of Weathersfield.

P. B. Plumb, United States Senator from Kansas, descends from Robert, whose wife was daughter of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) Baldwin and sister to Sarah, wife of Benjamin Fenn (5). She was baptised April 22, 1621, and her father died on the ship Martin during the passage here.

This stone, the gift of George Plumb, of Milford.

Under this stone on the coping is the inscription to her mother .

SARAH BALDWIN (WIDOW OF) SYLVESTER.

Obit 1669.

This woman was evidently wealthy for the times, and in 1640 married Captain John Astwood, one of the seven pillars and judges of Milford.

Captain Astwood went to London on business for the Colony and died there about 1653. His widow in her will gives her daughter "Mary" above, one book called "The Soule's Conflict," with most of her goods and chattels, and calls Richard Platt (10) her brother. (How; was his wife a Bryan?) Judge C. C. Baldwin contributes this inscription also :

No. 18. GEORGE CLARK.

Obit 1690.

SARAH HIS WIFE.

This George was brother to John Clark, of Saybrook, who removed thence to Milford and was made deacon of the first church, and married here the widow of Deacon John Fletcher. His brother Daniel was one of the patentees under the famous charter from Charles II. His only son, John, probably died without issue soon after his father. His daughter, Ruth, married Thomas Fitch, of Norwalk, and her grandson was

Governor Thomas Fitch, of Connecticut. Abigail, his daughter, married Abraham Pierson, first rector of Yale College. Sarah married first, Reynold Marvin, the celebrated Indian fighter, and after his death married Captain Joseph Sill, and from the latter union Lieutenant Governor George Griswold Sill descends.

Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury (wife of Professor Edward E.), a descendant of Reynold Marvin, gives this stone.

No. 19. MILES MERWIN.

Obit 1697.

SARA HIS WIFE.

All of the name in Milford descend from him, and his tombstone is the only one of a settler in our graveyard. It has been engraved and published in the book on the "old gravestones of Milford." A most interesting deed of entail made by him can be seen on Milford land records. He evidently had three wives, but the name of the first is unknown. His second was the widow of Thomas Beach, and she by birth was the daughter of Richard Platt (10).

Lieutenant Governor Samuel E. Merwin, of New Haven, is a descendant, as is also the donor of the stone, Mrs. Edwin P. Smith.

No. 18. THOMAS WELCH.

Obit 1681.

HANNAH HIS WIFE.

He married the oldest daughter of Thomas Buckingham (9), and was representative for Milford in 1659; also one of the seven pillars of the church.

The last deed given by the Indians (of Milford land) was for what is now known as Welch's Point. It consisted of 20 acres, and the Indians received 6 coats, 2 blankets, and 3 pairs of breeches, and Thomas Welch bought it from the Town at public outcry for £21 6s—about \$100.

That deed from the Indians is the most pathetic deed on our records. Florence L. and Nathala P., daughters of Rev. Nathan Tibbals Merwin, give this stone. They have the blood of Thomas Welch, both from father and mother.

No. 22. NICHOLAS CAMP.

SARAH HIS WIFE.

It is not known when he died; Lambert says in 1706, but that was his son Nicholas, as a computation from the grave-

stone will show. Some of his descendants are on the original house lot at this day ; others left Milford and were early settlers in new towns, and from them have sprung many-influential men.

Wm. A. Camp, Esq., manager of the New York Clearing House, comes from the Durham branch.

Ellery Camp, of New Haven, gives this stone.

No. 23. JOHN STREAM.

Obit 1685.

MARTHA BEARD HIS WIFE.

He is called on Town records "Ensign." He had five daughters. Mary married David Baldwin, son of Joseph (15), Abigail married Thomas Tibbals, son of the pioneer. Sarah married Ephraim Burwell, son of John (13). Martha married Thomas Coley, son of Samuel, one of the men of 1639. Under this block on the coping is cut the name of his mother-in-law, MARTHA BEARD (widow).

Lambert says she brought with her three sons and three daughters ; that James died in 1642, and his estate was settled by Captain Astwood, and it was the first estate administered upon in Milford. Jeremy probably died without issue, as his estate was divided between his brother, Captain John Beard, John Stream, and Nicholas Camp, "husbands of his sisters," says the record. They may have let their wives have a little of it. All of the name in Milford descend from her son John, who had the military title of Captain. Her husband probably died on the ship (Martin ?) on passage over, and in consideration of her affliction the town gave her an extra amount of land in the divisions. Her home lot took in the land on Broad street, extending from Mr. Charles A. Tomlinson's corner to the large elm in John G. North's place.

David Bryan Ingersol, a descendant through her granddaughter, Mary (Stream) Baldwin, gives this stone.

No. 24. THOMAS FORD.

ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

The date of his death is not known, but it was before 1663, as in March of that year his widow married Eliezer Rogers, son of John, the settler. She was by birth the daughter of Alexander Knowles, of Fairfield, and her father in 1658

was Assistant of the Colony of Connecticut. Her daughter Lydia married John Newton in 1680 (probably son of the Pastor), was soon a widow, but evidently a smart business woman, and reached a ripe old age.

His descendants in Milford contribute the stone.

No. 25. SARGT THOMAS CAMPFIELD.

Obit 1689.

PHEBE CRANE HIS WIFE.

None of his clan name are now in Milford, and the blood here is all through his daughters. Sarah married Josiah Platt, son of Richard (10), and Phebe married John Smith, son of John (29). The Sergeant was brother to Mathew Campfield, one of the charterers under Charles II. This name of Campfield was originally de Philo, and from grants on the river Cam (for services at the battle of Cressy), became Cam de Filo, Camfield, and is now Canfield in many places.

This stone is the gift of several descendants widely scattered.

No. 26. HENRY BOTSFORD.

Obit 1686.

ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

He had only one son, Elnathan, but of daughters five.

Elnathan married twice, and the name continues from the son of the second wife, Hannah, the daughter of Timothy Baldwin (16). The writer has the signature of Elnathan as witness to a deed dated in 1667, one of the oldest signatures in Milford, the signer being born in 1641.

Some of his grandchildren settled in Newtown, and the giver of the stone comes from John of 1681; a veteran of four years in the war of the rebellion—Major J. L. Botsford, of Youngstown, Ohio.

No. 27. JAMES ROGERS.

Obit 1688.

ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

He was brother to John Rogers, the settler, but soon after moved to New London after marrying Elizabeth Rowland, of Stratford. He was considered, next to Governor Winthrop, the richest man in the Colony of Connecticut. From him descended the religious cranks known as Rogerenes; also Cap-

tain Moses Rogers, commander of the steamer Savannah, the first steamer to cross the Atlantic in 1819; also Mary Rogers, the beautiful cigar girl, who was murdered many years ago at Hoboken, a mystery that gave Edgar A. Poe the plot for his story of Marie Roget. The blood returned to Milford in Timothy Rogers, the grandfather of Hon. Isaac T. Rogers, who contributes the stone.

No. 28. JOSEPH PECK.

Obit 1701.

ALICE HIS WIFE.

He was not a member of the first group of settlers, but his descendants have been prominent in Milford affairs. His grandson, Captain Samuel Peck, commanded the company raised by Milford for the Continental Army during the Revolution. Isaac was in the army and drowned while in service. Phineas died from cruel treatment received from the British. Major General John J. Peck, prominent in the Mexican and Rebellion wars, is a descendant.

Alice, his wife, was the widow of John Burwell (13).

Samuel C. and James, sons of Samuel Peck, of Milford, give the stone.

JOHN SMITH.

Obit 1684.

GRACE HIS WIFE.

He should not be confounded with John Smith, "ye Smith," who married the daughter of William Fowler, second (1).

Three, if not four, distinct strains of Smiths are in Milford: Those that come from the settlers above, from "ye Smith;" from Benjamin, the son of William Smith, of Huntington, L. I., and from Walter Smith, and there are also descendants of George Smith, of New Haven, settlers 1638. Joseph, the son of Benjamin, was the first Smith to enter Yale College.

Elmore and Robert A. Smith, of New Haven, give the stone.

No. 30. EDMUND TAPP.

Obit 1653.

ANN HIS WIFE.

He was prominent in Milford's early history, and was one of the three that held the important positions of Trustee,

Pillar of the Church, and Judge. His daughter, Jane, married Governor Robert Treat, and the writer has the flip dog said to be used at their wedding. Mary, another daughter, was the wife of John Fowler, second (1). Another, Elizabeth, married Lieutenant John Nash, of New Haven, who was assistant Governor from 1672 to 1687. His daughter, Ann, married William Gibbard, of New Haven, secretary of the Colony 1657, and assistant in 1661.

No. 21.—Is the contribution of the Odd Fellows of Milford. On its upper surface, in polished raised letters, is seen the words :

WEPOWAUG RIVER.

On the north side, in the same style of letters,

WEPOWAGE

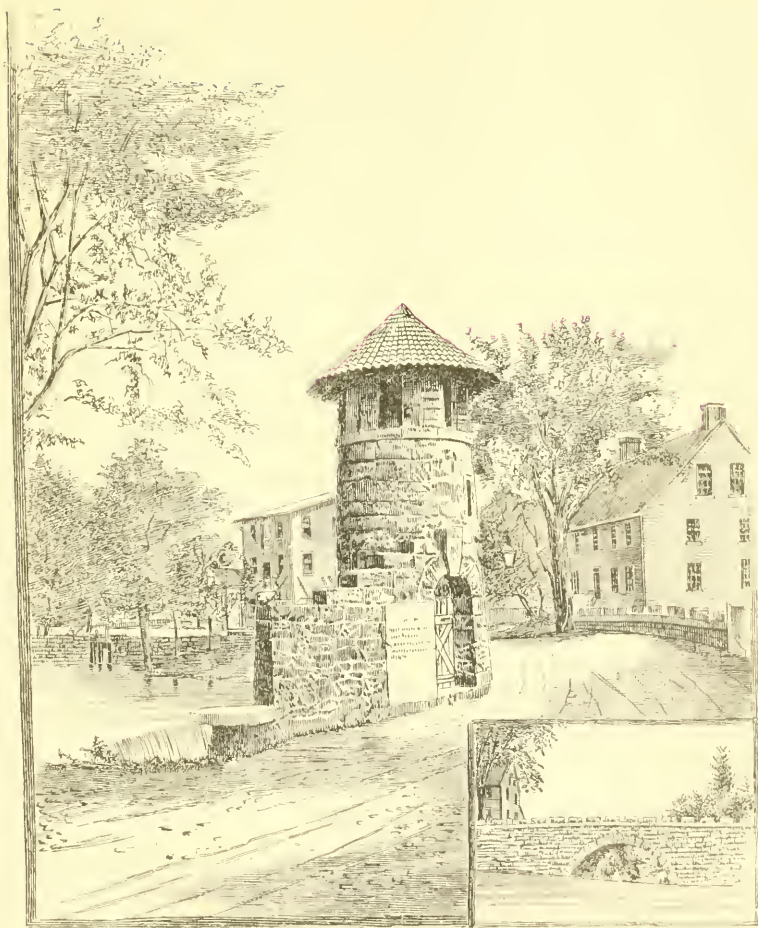
and on the keystone an ideal head of Wepowage, from whom the lodge takes its name.

On the inner face of the stone is seen

THIS TABLET IS PLACED TO
PERPETUATE THE NAME OF THE
WEPOWAGE INDIANS,
BY WEPOWAGE LODGE, NO. 14, I. O. O. F.,
INSTITUTED JULY 11, 1844.

Four blocks are without inscriptions, but efforts will be made to have at some future time the names of Nathaniel Briscoe, Thomas Sanford, Roger Terrill, Wm. Wheeler, John Lane, Thomas Hine, John Rogers, John Fletcher, James Prudden, cut. In most cases their descendants have left Milford.

The Tower and Bridge are from designs by Wm. Milne Grinnell, of New York. The mason work is by John Beatty, of Leets Island, Conn. The carpenter work, by Hezk. B. Beardsley, of Milford. The lettering, by C. J. Hughes, of Stratford, Conn.





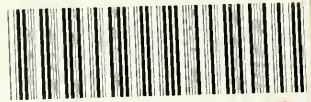
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